

1 work on even though you are making a change?

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Oh, yes. Any further
3 discussion?

4 MR. MARTINEAU: May I comment on that?

5 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

6 MR. MARTINEAU: The effect of the motion
7 would be to change the Committee's recommendation that
8 pensions be given the constitutional protection. I
9 believe that discussion is that the Committee had on
10 this very briefly, based upon the recommendations of
11 the Supreme Bench that this is an important feature
12 that it may be that the Legislature could in some way
13 attempt to influence the judiciary by raising or lowering
14 their pensions and this would, to a certain extent,
15 be the same evil that could result from the Legislature
16 lowering the salaries of the Judges while they are in
17 office. You have put in the prohibition against lowering
18 the salaries. It seems to me that the very same principle
19 should apply to the lowering of pensions. If you are
20 trying to protect the judiciary from any financial loss
21 because of a decision that a member of the judiciary
would make, the very same principles apply to pensions

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